QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Satyagraha at Belgaum.

Q.—722. Sri L. B. BIRJE (Khanapur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they are aware that 5,033 people from Belgaum area had offered Satyagraha and were sent to jails during 1956;

(*b*) the reason for the same;

(*c*) whether large number of persons arrested in Belgaum were from Belgaum District;

(*d*) the number of persons arrested in Belgaum who were from outside Belgaum District?

A.—Sri C. M. POONACHA (Minister for Home Affairs and Industries).—

(*a*) 5,076 were arrested in connection with the agitation launched by M.E.S.

(*b*) They agitated for the formation of Samyukta Maharashtra inclusive of Bombay, Belgaum, Nipani, Karwar and other Marathi-speaking areas.

(*c*) Yes. (4,948 persons arrested were from Belgaum District.)

(*d*) 128.

Sending of Tour Programmes in advance to M.L.A.'s by the Heads of the Departments.

Q.—708. Sri D. ABDUL RASHEED (Kolar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether the practice of sending tour programmes to M.L.A.'s by the Heads of Departments, Deputy Commissioners and District Officers is in vogue?

A.—Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—

Such a practice is generally being followed in the area of old Mysore State.

Supply of meat to Patients in the Civil Hospital, Robertsonpet.

Q.—510. Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM (Kolar Gold Fields).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that meat is not provided to the patients even once in a week in the Civil Hospital, Robertsonpet;

(*b*) if so, whether they will consider to supply meat to the patients?

A.—Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Health).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Meat is being given to the patients.

Assignment of Revenue to Bangalore District Board.

Q.—352. Sri K. V. BYRE GOWDA (Bangalore North).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the percentage of assignment of the revenue allotted to the District Board of Bangalore;

(*b*) the total amount assigned to the said District Board during 1955-56 and 1956-57?

A.—Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH (Minister for Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) Six and one-fourth per cent of net land revenue of Bangalore District.

(*b*) 1955-56 ... Rs. 64,500
1956-57 ... The bill has yet to be prepared by the Revenue Department.

Number of Sandal Trees in the State.

Q.—1443. Sri S. R. RAMIAH (Hoskote).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the total number of sandal trees in the Mysore State;

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(*b*) the number of sandal trees made use of every year by the Sandal Oil Factory;

(*c*) the number of sandal trees disposed off to others every year;

(*d*) the number of such trees which existed in Hoskote and Devanahalli Talukas during the last five years (figures for each year to be furnished separately)?

A.—SRI H. S. RUDRAPPA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) No. Enumeration has been made.

(*b*) About 1,200 to 1,300 tons of prepared wood. No record of the number of trees exploited to make up this quantity is kept.

(*c*) About 300 to 350 tons. No record of the number of trees exploited to make up this quantity is kept.

(*d*) No enumeration has been made.

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2 P.M.

DEMANDS FOR ADDITIONAL AND SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR 1957-58.

(Debate continued)

DR. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Hospet).—Sir, among the various demands that have been asked for under these Supplementary Estimates for the year 1957–58, there are some on which I would like to have information from the Government. Under Demand No. 2 an amount of Rs. 3,34,000 has been asked for. This Demand refers to the question of remuneration of Shanbhogs and Patels. The question of fixation of the remuneration of the Shanbhogs and Patels of Sandur Taluk has been before the Government for quite a long time. These people have been asking for fixing their remuneration on the same basis as in the old Madras area to which they belonged after the merger of the Sandur State to Madras. This question has not yet been settled and it is causing a considerable amount of trouble.

Under Demand No. 7 a token grant of Rs. 100 has been asked for. On the 1st of January of this year new rates of taxes were levied on the motor vehicles. The notice that was issued to the operators did not give enough time to the operators to pay the amount. A grace period of 15 days was given, but even that also was not sufficient for them and so a request has been made for refund of the penalty that was levied on them. In this regard I wish to bring to the notice of the Government that the inter-State bus operators, namely, operators operating between two States, for instance between Mysore and Andhra or between Mysore and Madras, are having a considerable amount of difficulties. They have got to pay a huge amount as licence fee because there are no reciprocal arrangements with the Governments of Andhra or Madras. This matter should be attended to at a very early date. Under Demand No. 8, a certain amount has been asked for for the Office of the Commissioner of Sales Tax. In this connection I wish to state that people who are purchasing sugar are required to pay sales-tax even on the excise duty that is levied on sugar by the Government of India. During previous years this was not being collected and I understand that it is the intention of the Government not to collect this, but orders have not been issued as yet to this effect and so it is causing considerable trouble.

Under Demand No. 10 money has been asked for irrigation works. We in Hospet Taluk have been asking for repairs to the old Bella anicut built by the Vizainagar Kings, but nothing has so far been done for that. I find that under this Demand a sum of Rs. 20 lakhs has been asked for. I request that a small portion from this amount may be used for repairing the old anicut in our Taluk.

Under Demand No. 18 a sum of Rs. 68,000 has been asked for. It is well known that in our Sandur mines we have very valuable deposits of manganese and iron ore. Probably there we have got one of the best deposits in the world. Recently